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Cc: Forsgren, Lee[Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov]; Greenwalt, Sarah[greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov]
From: Schwarz, Matthew
Sent: Wed 12/27/2017 4:06:36 PM
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW Center for Biological Diversity v EPA (Cadmium FOIA) -- RELEASE BY 12/26.

Thanks very much and have a great new year!

-----Original Message-----

From: White, Elizabeth
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Schwarz, Matthew <Schwarz.Matthew@epa.gov>
Cc: Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW Center for Biological Diversity v EPA (Cadmium FOIA) -- RELEASE BY 12/26.

Matt - everyone has reviewed and these are good to go. Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 27, 2017, at 10:05 AM, Schwarz, Matthew <Schwarz.Matthew@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Hi All-
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> A quick reminder that I need to get these documents to Plaintiff soon. It's 26 pages and shouldn't take more than 10-15 minutes to review. I'm happy to answer any questions.
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> Thanks!
> Matt
> 202-564-5654
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> From: Schwarz, Matthew
> Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 5:25 PM
> To: Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>; Greenwalt, Sarah
> <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>
> Cc: White, Elizabeth <white.elizabeth@epa.gov>; Neugeboren, Steven
> <Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov>; Gallagher, Kathryn
> <Gallagher.Kathryn@epa.gov>; Miller, Kevin <Miller.Kevin@epa.gov>
> Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW Center for Biological Diversity v EPA (Cadmium FOIA) -- RELEASE BY 12/26.
> Importance: High
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> Dear Lee and Sara-
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> Attached for your review is a pdf containing 4 documents (26 pages) that represent a supplemental release of documents concerning EPA's 2016 recommended criteria for Cadmium in Center for Biological Diversity v. EPA. Pursuant to court order, yesterday EPA produced a Vaughn Index to the Plaintiff explaining the Agency's reasoning for its withholdings in this case. While reviewing documents for the Vaughn, we discovered that this small set of documents were miscoded in the Agency's Relativity document review platform. We confirmed yesterday that these documents now need to be produced in full or in part. The attached pdf contains four documents that are described below. These documents have cleared OST review.
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> ED_000992_00001612- an email chain forwarding a 1985 study used in the
> development of the Cadmium criteria

> ED_000992_00002635- an email chain discussing meeting times
> ED_000992_00002643- an email chain discussing meeting times
> ED_000992_00002802- an email from an external party asking about the
> Cadmium criteria
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> The timeframe for these 4 documents is January 2016- April 2016. EPA staff involved in these emails are located within OW.
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> While we do not have a specific date for the production of these documents, we will need to produce them in a reasonable amount of time, which we interpret as one week considering that Plaintiff is under court order to inform EPA by 1/3/18 whether to brief the withholdings in this case. Therefore, I'm proposing an internal deadline for your review of December 26, although I think you will find that this pdf can be reviewed quickly.
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> Thanks in advance and, as always, feel free to email or call with any questions.
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> Best,
> Matt
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> From: Schwarz, Matthew
> Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 2:15 PM
> To: Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov<mailto:Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>>;
> Greenwalt, Sarah
> <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov<mailto:greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>>
> Cc: White, Elizabeth
> <white.elizabeth@epa.gov<mailto:white.elizabeth@epa.gov>>; Neugeboren,
> Steven <Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov<mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov>>;
> Gallagher, Kathryn
> <Gallagher.Kathryn@epa.gov<mailto:Gallagher.Kathryn@epa.gov>>
> Subject: FOR REVIEW Center for Biological Diversity v EPA (Cadmium FOIA) -- RELEASE DUE 10/30.
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> Dear Lee and Sara--
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> I am writing to you to provide you with links to two pdfs, which represent our production of documents in the FOIA litigation Center for Biological Diversity v. EPA. This document production is due, by court order, on October 30, 2017. The FOIA request, EPA-HQ-2016-005391, asks for information related to EPA's "revised water quality criteria for cadmium, docket EPAHQ-OW-2015-0753."
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> Please access the records at the links below. You will also receive separate emails from SharePoint indicating that these documents have been shared with you.
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> · CBD Cadmium 10.30.17 Release in Full
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> o https://usepa-my.sharepoint.com/personal/schwarz_matthew_epa_gov/Documents/Cadmium%20awareness%20review/CBD%20Cadmium%2010.30.17%20Release%20in%20Full.pdf?csf=1
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> · CBD Cadmium 10.30.17 Release in Part
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> o https://usepa-my.sharepoint.com/personal/schwarz_matthew_epa_gov/Documents/Cadmium%20awareness%20review/CBD%20Cadmium%2010.30.17%20Release%20in%20Part.pdf?csf=1
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> The "CBD Cadmium 10.30.17 Release in Full" set is approximately 2,085 pages of records. However, one of the records is a single data set that is 1,976 pages long.

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> The "CBD Cadmium 10.30.17 Release in Part" set is approximately 927 pages of records. These records consist primarily of internal emails regarding the development of the cadmium criteria, much of which is redacted.

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> For all records, the initial review was performed by the Office of Water- OST. I performed the final review. The custodian list was comprised of folks in OW who worked on the revised water quality criteria for cadmium. Some documents also include attorneys from the Water Law Office in OGC. The time frame for all documents is 2015-first half of 2016.

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> Please send me any comments via email, referencing the DOC ID (stamped on the bottom of the page). That way I will be able to go into Relativity and address any concerns before I ask OEI to produce a final set. As always, feel free to call me with any questions.

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> Best,

> Matt

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> <For Senior Review (26 pages).pdf>